



WILLARD BROOK STATE FOREST

2016 SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Park Interpreter: Ellis

Park Address: 599 Main St, West Townsend, MA 01474

Park Phone Number: 978-597-8802

All programs are free and open to the public. The daily parking fee is \$8.00 per MA vehicle \$10 Out of State

Reasonable accommodations available upon request. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information please call the park, or visit: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-central/willard-brook-state-forest.html>

| Sunday | Monday | Tue | Wed | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 Nature Center Open House 12 – 2 p.m. Kidleidoscope: Animal Homes 3 – 4 p.m. Take a Hike! 5 – 6 p.m. Welcome Campfire (Damon Pond) 7 – 8 p.m. | 3 Nature Center Open House 12 – 2 p.m. Trekking & Tracking 3 – 4 p.m. Evening Stroll at Pearl Hill 5 – 6 p.m. |
| 4 Take a Hike! 11 – 12 p.m. Nature Center Open House 1 – 5 p.m. | 5 Labor Day Long Hike! 10 – 12:30 p.m. Nature Center Open House 1 – 4 p.m. | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Nature Center Open House 12 – 2 p.m. Kidleidoscope: Following Footprints 3 – 4 p.m. Take a Hike! 5 – 6 p.m. | 10 Thanks for a great interpretive program season! |

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

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| Nature Center Open House | Stop by the Nature Center at Damon Pond to meet the Park Interpreter and learn fascinating things about Willard Brook State Forest. This program is a good introduction to many features of the park. You can examine animal skulls and track molds on display, get creative with crafts, and browse through books to learn about your favorite animals. We also have fun nature games and activities that parents will enjoy too. All children must be accompanied by an adult. |
| Take a Hike! | Staying active is a healthy life choice and what better place than in a beautiful state park. Trails are the heart of our park system and we hope you will make them part of your healthy lifetime routine. Meet at the Nature Center for this easy to moderate 60 minute walk. Be sure to bring water and wear comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes. Bring bug spray and sunscreen as needed. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Well behaved dogs on a leash are welcome. |
| Kidleidoscope Kids | Connect to the great outdoors with a nature themed story, outdoor activity, and take home craft. This program is recommended for children ages 3 – 8. Meet at the Nature Center for this 1-hour program that features a new topic each week. All children must be accompanied by a parent/adult. Please dress for the weather, and wear shoes suitable for a short outdoor activity or nature walk. |
| Welcome Campfire | Learn the basics of campfire safety and how to build a campfire, then we can tell stories, sing songs and roast marshmallows (bring your own S'mores ingredients). We'll meet at the Damon Pond Contact Station, then walk over to the campfire area. Bring a chair, water, and insect repellent if desired. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. |
| Trekking & Tracking | Want to know who's been around the park lately? Take an easy walk with the Park Interpreter searching for animal signs such as tracks, scat, owl pellets, tree rubbings and more. This program is suitable for children over age 6, accompanied by a parent or adult. Meet at the Nature Center at Damon Pond. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes; bring water and insect repellent if desired. Bring a magnifying glass and a Field Guide if you have one. Don't forget to take pictures! |
| Evening Stroll at Pearl Hill | Meet at the ballpark picnic tables at Pearl Hill for this easy 1.5 to 2 mile hike around Pearl Hill SP trails. Learn about geologic, biologic, and human processes that have shaped the region along the way. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes. Make sure to bring water and insect repellent. |

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| Labor Day Long Hike | Start off this Labor Day with a 4 mile hike from a scenic brook trail to a unique rocky ridge trail at Willard Brook State Forest. We'll meet at the Contact Station at Damon Pond to begin our hike. This will be a hike of moderate difficulty with some uphill climbing on rocky terrain. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes. Make sure to bring water and insect repellent. |
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